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SUBJECT: US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS: EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PC) MEETING--JULY 5-6, HELSINKI

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BEGIN SUMMARY: PC MEETING ON MARGINS OF HELSINKI CSCE
MINISTERIAL FOCUSED ON US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS. PC
DECIDED THAT MINISTERS WOULD CONSIDER VAGUE QUESTION-
NAIRE ON SUBJECT AT JULY 23 MEETING IN COPENHAGEN.
AT FRENCH INSISTENCE, MINISTERS WILL MEET JULY 23
IN ABSENCE OF EC COMMISSION REP. GERMANS HAD IMPRES-
SION THAT FRENCH PC REP FELL BACK ON "GAULLIST
ORTHODOXY" AS CLOAK FOR QUAI UNCERTAINTY OVER ELYSEE
WISHES. PC ALSO DEALT WITH DAVIGNON II REPORT (SEPTEL)
AND RFE/RL, AMONG OTHER TOPICS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF WAS BRIEFED JULY 10 ON PC MEETING BY FONOFF
REP, WHO SAID ACTING FRENCH POL DIRECTOR ARNAUD HELD
CLOSELY TO STANDARD FRENCH VIEWS ON US/EUROPEAN RELA-
TIONS AT HELSINKI. FONOFF REP SAID ARNAUD DREW HEAVILY
ON "GAULLIST ORTHODOXY AND THEOLOGY" IN ADVANCING
ISOLATED FRENCH POSITION. OUR SOURCE SAID THE GERMANS
HAVE THE IMPRESSION FROM PRIVATE TALKS WITH THE FRENCH
THAT THE QUAI REMAINS UNCERTAIN AS TO ELYSEE WISHES
REGARDING US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS SO IS MERELY BIDING
TIME WITHIN PC.

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, ARNAUD AGREED THAT
THE 9 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD CONSIDER US/EUROPEAN
RELATIONS DURING JULY 23 MEETING AT COPENHAGEN; THIS
MEETING WILL NOT, WE ARE TOLD, TREAT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.
ARNAUD INSISTED ON THE COPENHAGEN VENUE AS OPPOSED TO
BRUSSELS, WHERE THE 9 MINISTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET
FOR REGULAR EC COUNCIL MEETING JULY 24-25. OUR SOURCE
SAID THE OTHER 8 POL DIRECTORS HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO
ALONG WITH THE FRENCH DEMAND ON VENUE.

3. THE JULY 23 MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL ADDRESS A
"VAGUE QUESTIONNAIRE" WHICH IS TO BE PREPARED BY THE
EC 9 "GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS" AT A JULY 13 MEETING
IN COPENHAGEN.

4. WHILE MOST OF THE 9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT HELSINKI
FAVORED PARTICIPATION AT THE JULY 23 MINISTERIAL BY EC
COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI, THE FRENCH FLATLY REJECTED
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COMMISSION REPRESENTATION, SAYING THERE OTHERWISE COULD
BE NO MEETING. AGAIN AT THE FRENCH INSISTENCE, THE
PC WORKED OUT A FORMULA TO THE EFFECT THAT COMMISSION
PRESENCE IS NOT REQUIRED ON JULY 23 BECAUSE MINISTERS
COULD SIMPLY CONSIDER A QUESTIONNAIRE AND NO MATTERS
TOUCHING COMMISSION COMPETENCE UNDER THE ROME TREATY
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WOULD BE DEALT WITH. THE DANES, AS INCUMBENT EC PRESIDENT, WERE GIVEN THE TASK OF ASKING ORTOLI NOT TO COME.

5. FONOFF SOURCE SAID THE POL DIRECTORS WERE SURPRISED THAT THE FRENCH DID NOT RPT NOT BRIEF THEIR COLLEAGUES ON JOBERT'S SAN CLEMENTE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. OUR SOURCE SAID THE FRG WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF WE COULD PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ON THAT MEETING. BESIDES US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS AND THE DAVIGNON II REPORT (SEE SEPTEL), WE ARE TOLD THAT POL DIRECTORS ALSO ASKED THE "GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS" TO DISCUSS RFE/RL AT ITS JULY 13 MEETING IN ORDER TO DEVELOP EC 9 ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ROLE OF THE RADIOS IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF CSCE AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE AMERICAN SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE FINANCIAL COOPERATION. THE MID-EAST WAS NOT DISCUSSED; MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP THIS SUBJECT AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 10-11 QUARTERLY MEETING. ARNAUD TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES THAT PARIS INTENDED AT A FUTURE PC MEETING TO RAISE THE SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AND ITS POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY. THE NEXT POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 4-5 IN COPENHAGEN.

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